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Report Shows Repeal of Prevailing Wage Could Save Wisconsin Schools nearly \$38 million *Senator Stroebel co-sponsors SB49 to repeal antiquated law*

Madison, WI – Americans for Prosperity released a report analyzing 48 recently passed school construction referenda. Using an 11.3% savings guide from the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, the report found the savings around the state to be \$37,808,079. Within Senator Stroebel's district alone, the Port Washington – Saukville School District could save \$5.5 million.

Senator Stroebel issued the following statement on the report:

Wisconsin's conservative legislature must repeal the prevailing wage. The prevailing wage impacts every public works project, from roads and bridges, to storage sheds, to water towers, firehouses, school construction and more. This report details nearly \$38 million in savings from just school construction in about 10% of Wisconsin's school districts.

With full repeal, as shown by the AFP report, school districts can put tens of millions of dollars back into the classroom with more teachers, new textbooks, and improved technology.

The Wisconsin Taxpayer Alliance has reported full repeal could save roughly \$300 million state wide. With budgets as tight as they are – and tough decisions which must be made – Wisconsin can no longer afford this crony protectionism.

As conservatives, Republican legislators believe in the free market. The prevailing wage crowds out free market. Beyond the savings to the taxpayers, full repeal allows for a streamlined process for small contractors. No longer can the politically connected control the process of winning public works bids.

Senator Duey Stroebel represents the 20th Senate District which includes parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties. He lives in Cedarburg with his wife Laura and eight children.

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